



NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD  
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Date: April 12, 2010  
To: Washington State Noxious Weed Board  
From: Upper Columbia CWMA  
Subject: Class B designation change

It is the desire of the International Biological Control CWMA to request a change of designation for the following aquatic plant.

- Myriophyllum specatum (Eurasian Watermilfoil)
- Eurasian milfoil, an invasive nonnative plant, is one of the worst aquatic plant pests in North America. Submersed leaves are feather-like, arranged in whorls of 4 around the stem. Leaves are often square at the tip and typically have greater than 14 leaflet pairs per leaf. There are many roots, fibrous, from the plant base; roots often develop from plant fragments. Eurasian milfoil propagates from plant fragments, rhizomes, it rarely sprouts from seed. Eurasian milfoil can be found in lakes, rivers and ponds; it tolerates a wide range of water conditions. This invasive plant spreads rapidly, crowding out native species, clogging waterways, and blocking sunlight and oxygen from underlying waters.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil is located throughout the Columbia River System in densities that create life safety issues for boaters and recreationists, it reduces the allowable area used by spawning anadromous fish, boat launch ramps become impassable and the potential of spreading Eurasian Watermilfoil to all the water bodies of the state are very high.
- Control history in the Columbia River system has been limited to harvesting.
- There are companies in the United States that propagate harvest and sell a native insect that is used to control Eurasian Watermilfoil, all but three states have inventoried Eurasian Watermilfoil in their waterways and lakes.
- The change that we are requesting for Eurasian Watermilfoil is from a B to a B designation.

- This change will provide the participants of the International Biological Control CWMA an opportunity to fund control efforts. Each agency understands the requirement of the B designation for each county noxious weed board. This is a weed that can be controlled using an insect that is native to the United States and Canada, eradication is not an options. With this in mind we would like the State of Washington to help put a greater emphasis on this opportunity to control Eurasian Watermilfoil.
- We would like to confine this change to a regional area, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas and Lincoln counties. Adoption of this change will be the sole decision of the noxious weed board of each county.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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